

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COURT OF APPEALS

In the Matter of L.M.S, K.K.E.S, M.T.S, S.L.G.,
and D.J.G., Minors.

FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY,

Petitioner-Appellee,

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EBONI KIANN STINSON,

Respondent-Appellant,

and

SHAWNTAZE LAMOUNT GIBSON,

Respondent.

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No. 241025

Wayne Circuit Court

Family Division

LC No. 95-325264

Before: Smolenski, P.J., and Wilder and Schuette, JJ.

MEMORANDUM.

Respondent-appellant appeals as of right from the trial court order terminating her parental rights to the minor children under MCL 712A.19b(3)(c)(i), (g) and (j). We affirm.

After carefully reviewing the record, we are satisfied that the trial court did not clearly err in finding that the statutory grounds for termination were established by clear and convincing evidence. MCR 5.974(I); *In re Sours*, 459 Mich 624, 633; 593 NW2d 520 (1999). Respondent-appellant's five children were made temporary court wards from 1995 to 2001 and have essentially lived with a relative or in foster care their entire lives due to respondent-appellant's consistent inability to provide the children with an adequate home environment. Respondent-appellant has failed to maintain a regular income or obtain housing for the children despite ample time and opportunity to do so. She continued to stay in an abusive relationship up to the time of the termination hearing, evidencing the failure of domestic violence counseling and respondent-appellant's lack of concern of the effect such an environment might have on the children.

Further, the evidence did not show that termination of respondent-appellant's parental rights was clearly not in the children's best interests. MCL 712A.19b(5); *In re Trejo*, 462 Mich 341, 356-357; 612 NW2d 407 (2000). Thus, the trial court did not clearly err in terminating respondent-appellant's parental rights to the minor children.

Affirmed.

/s/ Michael R. Smolenski

/s/ Kurtis T. Wilder

/s/ Bill Schuette